

Please **cancel claims 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9**. Please add the following claims pursuant to C.F.R. § 1,121 (c)(3):

--10. Chewable articles according to Claim 1, in which the thermoplastic polymer is selected from the biodegradable polymers. --

--11. Chewable articles according to Claim 1, in which the quantity of inulin and/or oligofructans present in the mixtures with thermoplastic polymers is between 10 and 20% by weight. --

--12. Chewable articles according to Claim 1, in which the inulin and the mixtures of inulin and/or oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers are rendered thermoplastically processable by extrusion at temperatures of between 80 and 200°C in the presence of water and/or a plasticizer containing hydroxyl groups. --

--13. Chewable articles according to Claim 1, in the form of bones for dogs. --

--14. A thermoplastically processable material comprising mixtures of inulin and/or oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers.--

--15. Use of the thermoplastically processable material of claim 10, for producing chewable articles for animals.--

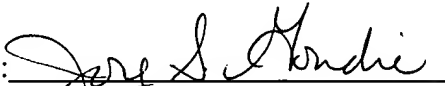
Remarks

Support for the claims may be found in the claims as originally filed.

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendment. Approval and entry of the amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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